

The President's Commission on Ocean Policy

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The Oceans Act of 2000

Establishment of Commission

The law establishes a Commission, which in coordination with the States, a scientific advisory panel, and the public, develops a National Oceans Report. This report makes recommendations to the President and Congress on ocean and coastal issues. The President then responds to these recommendations in a “National Ocean Policy” that he submits to Congress.

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Purpose

To establish a Commission to make recommendations for a coordinated and comprehensive national ocean policy that will promote:

- Protection of life and property
- Stewardship of ocean and coastal resources
- Protection of marine environment and prevention of marine pollution
- Enhancement of maritime commerce
- Expansion of human knowledge of the marine environment
- Investments in technologies to promote energy and food security
- Close cooperation among government agencies
- U.S. leadership in ocean and coastal activities

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Scope of Recommendations

The Commission's report is required to include a review of the following:

- Facilities (people, vessels, computers, satellites)
- Federal activities
- Cumulative effect of federal laws
- Supply and demand for ocean and coastal resources
- Relationships between federal, state and local governments and the private sector
- Opportunities for investment in new products and technologies
- State and Federal integration efforts
- Modifications to federal laws and/or the structure of federal agencies
- The effectiveness of existing federal interagency policy coordination

The Commission is to give equal consideration to environmental, technical feasibility, economic and scientific factors. In addition, the recommendations may not be specific to the lands or waters within a single state.

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Turning to the Sea: America's Ocean Future

Follow up to Year of the Ocean and National Ocean Conference, September 1999

Sustaining Economic Benefits

- Marine Transportation
- Safe Navigation
- Coastal Tourism
- Coastal Communities
- Domestic Fisheries
- International Fisheries
- Aquaculture
- Biotechnology
- Offshore Oil and Gas
- Health

Strengthening Global Security

- The Law of the Sea Convention
- Freedom of Navigation
- Maritime Law Enforcement

Protecting Marine Resources

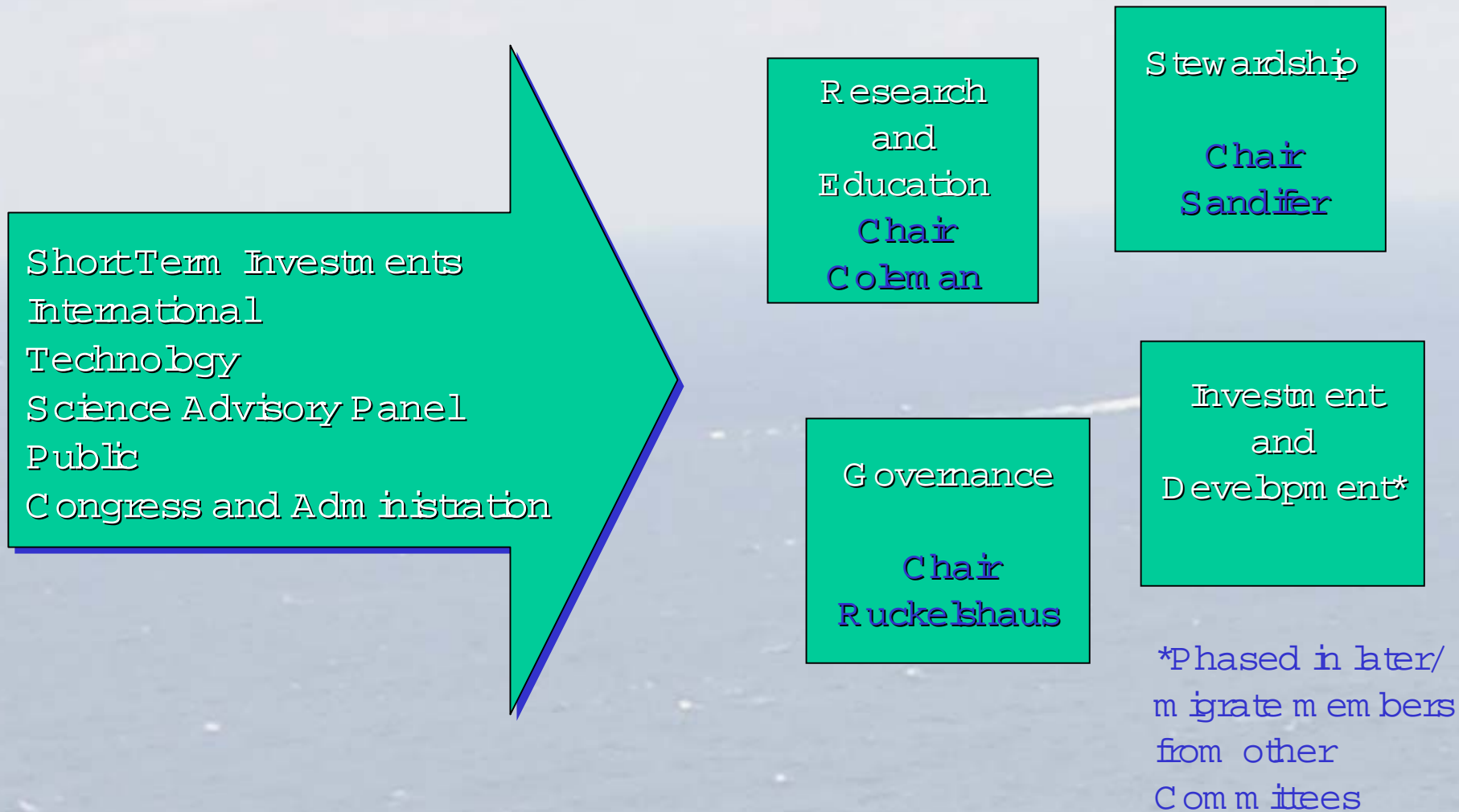
- Submerged Heritage Resources
- Coral Reefs
- Estuaries
- Marine Protected Species
- Marine Protected Areas
- Ocean and Coastal Habitats
- Water Quality
- Non-indigenous Species
- Marine Debris

Discovering the Oceans

- Ocean Education
- Ocean Observations
- Ocean Research
- Ocean and Coastal Exploration

Committee Structure:

Crosscuts and key interactions



Products: Assessments and Proposals...

Research and Education

- Expansion of human knowledge of the marine environment
 - The Oceans role in climate change, including health impacts
 - Marine operations and observations
 - Ocean education (K-12 and higher education)
 - Marine research, including academia
 - Ocean and Coastal Exploration

Stewardship

- Stewardship of ocean and coastal resources
 - Fisheries (commercial and recreational)
 - Marine mammals and other protected species
 - Marine protected areas including estuaries
 - Coral reefs
 - Habitat protection
- Protection of marine environment and prevention of marine pollution
 - Water quality
 - Toxics
 - Nutrient loading and hypoxia
 - Marine debris

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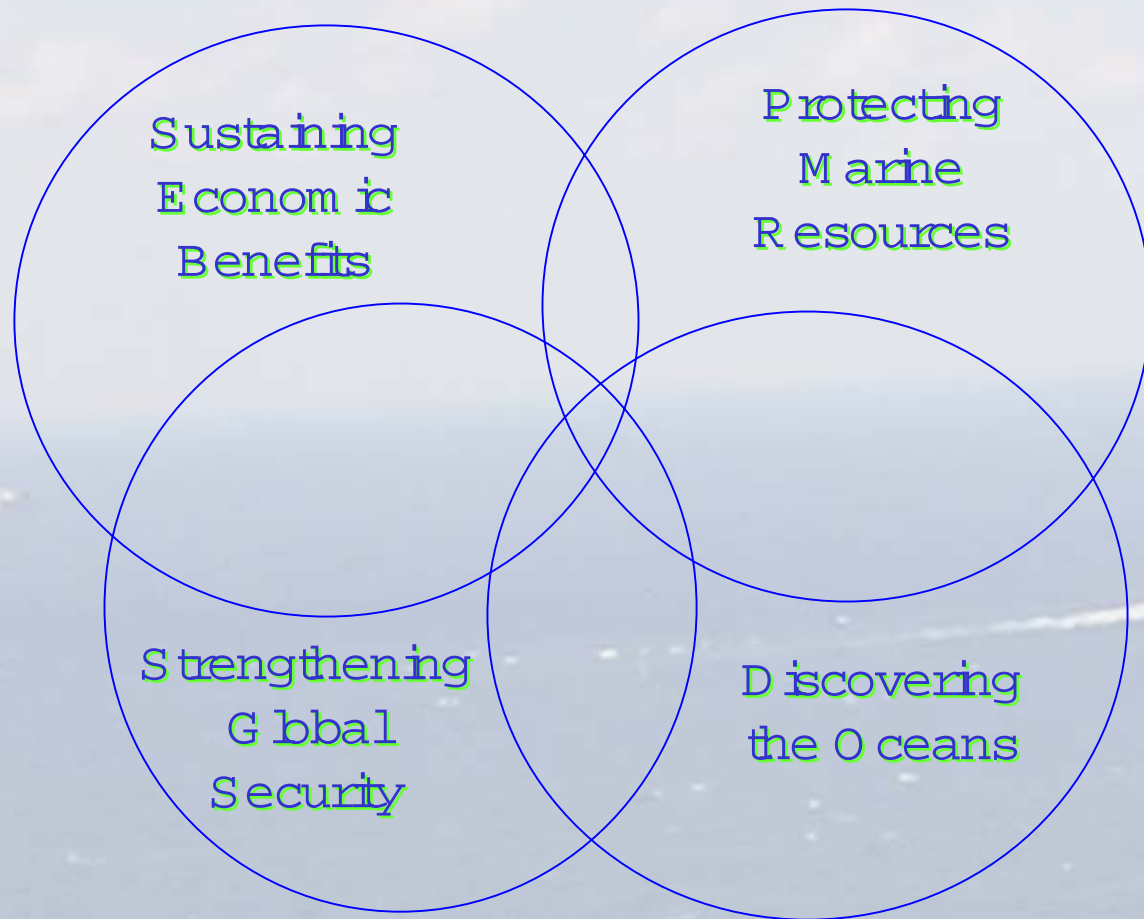
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- Federal activities
- State and Federal integration efforts
- Cumulative effect on federal laws
- Relationships between Federal, State and Local governments and the private sector
- Modifications to Federal laws and/or the structure of Federal agencies
- The effectiveness of existing Federal interagency policy coordination
- Law of the Sea and other international issues
- Protection of life and property
- Close cooperation among government agencies
- U.S. leadership in ocean and coastal activities

Investment and Development

- Enhancement of maritime commerce
- Supply and demand for ocean and coastal resources
 - Tourism
 - Non-living resources
 - Energy
 - Biotechnology
 - Aquaculture
- Opportunities for investment in new products and technologies
- Investments in technologies to promote energy and food security
- Facilities (people, vessels, computers, satellites)

Working Overlay for Full Commission



“Driving” All Committee Recommendations

Tentative Plan for Regional Meetings

The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for November 13 and 14 in Washington, D.C.

Complete all required visits in 6-7 months (January – July 2002).

Commission Chair (or his designee), a minimum of 1 member from each Topical Committee plus Commissioners attend each venue; one meeting may have more than one venue.

<u>Region</u>	<u>Schedule</u>	<u>Possible Venues</u>
SE	January	2 – Charleston, Norfolk
Gulf	February/March	3 – Stennis MS, Galveston, Miami/Tampa
SW	March/April	3 – HI, Los Angeles, Monterey Bay
NW	April/May	3 – Seattle, Corvallis
NE	May/June	4 – MA RI, ME NH, NY NJ, Chicago
AK	July	1 – Anchorage